

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 21, 22, 32-36, 38-42 and 44 in accordance with the following:

1-2. (cancelled).

3. (original) A display method for a chat system, comprising:

setting a keyword;

displaying said keyword in bold type or generating a specified sound when said keyword is displayed during display of conversation; and

returning to the conversation display when said keyword is received while conversation is not displayed, and emphasizing said keyword.

4. (original) The display method for the chat system as set forth in Claim 3, further comprising:

storing said keyword together with statements positioned a specific number of lines before and after said keyword; and

listing and displaying said keyword and said statements according to an instruction.

5. (original) The display method for the chat system as set forth in Claim 4, further comprising a step of listing and displaying said keyword together with said statements when said keyword is inputted after said keyword is stored.

6. (original) The display method for the chat system as set forth in Claim 4, further comprising:

registering said keyword together with said statements in a list application program provided outside, and saving said registered keyword and statements after an end of the conversation.

7. (original) The display method for the chat system as set forth in Claim 4, further comprising listing and displaying said keyword and said statements at an end of conversation.

8. (original) The display method for the chat system as set forth in Claim 7, further comprising listing and displaying said keyword together with said statements when said keyword is inputted after said keyword is stored.

9. (original) The display method for the chat system as set forth in Claim 7, further comprising:

registering said keyword together with said statements in a list application program provided outside, and saving said registered keyword and said statements after an end of the conversation.

10-11. (cancelled).

12. (original) A computer memory product readable by a computer to execute method operations for displaying conversation in a chat system, said computer memory product comprising:

sending and receiving conversations in plural channels;

displaying the conversations;

setting a keyword;

displaying said keyword in bold type or generating a specified sound when said set keyword is displayed during display of the conversation; and

returning to a conversation display when said keyword is received while conversation is not displayed.

13. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 12, further comprising listing and displaying said keyword, when said keyword is inputted after said step of storing said keyword. together with statements positioned a specific number of lines before and after said keyword.

14. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 12, further comprising storing said keyword together with statements positioned a specific number of lines before and after said keyword.

15. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 14, further comprising listing and displaying said keyword together with said statement, when said keyword is inputted after said step of storing said keyword together with said statement for a specific number of lines before and after said keyword.

16. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 12, further comprising registering said keyword together with said statements positioned a specific number of lines before and after said keyword in a list application program provided outside at an end of a conversation.

17. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 14, further comprising: listing and displaying said keyword together with said statements at an end of a conversation.

18. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 17, further comprising registering said keyword together with said statements in a list application program provided outside at the end of the conversation.

19. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 17, further comprising listing and displaying said keyword together with said statements, when said keyword is inputted after said step of storing said keyword.

20. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 19, further comprising registering said keyword together with said statements in a list application program provided outside at the end of conversation.

21-22. (cancelled).

23. (original) A computer program product for use with a chat system, comprising:
a computer usable storage medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for displaying conversations, said computer readable program code comprising:
causing a computer to send and receive conversations in plural channels;
causing said computer to display the conversations;

causing said computer to set a keyword;

causing said computer to display said keyword in bold type or generate a specified sound when said set keyword is displayed during display of the conversations; and

causing said computer to return to a display of conversation when said keyword is received while a conversation is not displayed.

24. (original) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 23, said computer readable program code further comprising causing said computer to list and display said keyword together with a specific number of lines of statements positioned before and after said keyword, when said keyword is inputted after said step of setting said keyword.

25. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 23, wherein said computer readable program code further comprising causing said computer to store said keyword together with a specific number of lines of statements positioned before and after said keyword.

26. (original) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 25, wherein said computer readable program code further comprising causing said computer to list and display said keyword together with said statements, when said keyword is inputted after said step of storing said keyword and said statements.

27. (original) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 23, wherein said computer readable program code further comprising causing said computer to register said keyword together with a specific number of lines of statements positioned before and after said keyword in a list application program provided outside at an end of a conversation.

28. (original) The computer memory product as set forth in Claim 25, further comprising:
causing said computer to display said conversations; and
causing said computer to list and display said keyword together with said statements at an end of a conversation.

29. (original) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 28, wherein said computer readable program code further comprising causing said computer to register said keyword together with said statements in a list application program provided outside at the end

of the conversation.

30. (original) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 28, wherein said computer readable program code means further comprising computer readable program code means for causing said computer to list and display said keyword together with said statement, when said keyword is inputted after said step of storing said keyword together with said statement for a specific number of lines before and after said keyword.

31. (original) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 30, wherein said computer readable program code further comprising causing said computer to register said keyword together with said statements in a list application program provided outside at the end of conversation.

32-42. (cancelled).

43. (original) A display method used in a chat system for performing conversations in the form of character s among terminal devices each having a display screen connected by a network, comprising:

dividing the display screen into a plurality of regions each of which displays a character string of a conversation of a main channel and a character string of a conversation of the other channels, and when a URL is included in the conversations in the regions of the display screen, the URL is extracted together with the character strings preceding and following the URL; and

detecting an appearance of a character string indicating a name of a terminal user when a character string indicating the name of the terminal user previously specified appears, and informing the terminal of the appearance, and displaying the content of the conversations including the detected character string in the region of the screen for the main channel.

44. (cancelled).

45. (original) A computer memory product in which a computer program of a display method of a chat system is recorded , said computer program comprising:

causing a computer to transmit and receive, by a network, conversations in the form of characters;

causing a computer to display the conversations;

- causing a computer to store a URL displayed in the conversations, together with a character string of statements preceding and following the URL;
- causing a computer to list the stored URL when a predetermined instruction is issued;
- causing a computer to set a keyword;
- causing a computer to display the keyword with emphasis; and
- causing a computer to resume the display of the conversation by receiving the keyword when the conversation is not displayed.

46. (original) A computer memory product in which a computer program of a display method of a chat system is recorded, said computer program comprising:

- causing a computer to transmit and receive, by a network, conversations in the form of characters;
- causing a computer to display the conversations;
- causing a computer to store a URL displayed in the conversations, together with character strings of statements including the URL;
- causing a computer to list the stored URL when predetermined instruction is issued;
- causing a computer to set a keyword;
- causing a computer to produce a predetermined sound when the keyword is displayed during a display of a conversation; and
- causing a computer to resume the display of the conversation by receiving the keyword when the conversation is not displayed.